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RUG MAKING TIPS

Reserve

MATERIALS

All materials to be used should be ripped, washed, pressed, cut or torn into strips of correct widths, according to weight of material. If possible, cut on the straight of the goods. (The completed braids should be about 1 inch wide.)

Roll strips into skeins, balls, or on to cards. If strips are short, sew together.

Before starting rug, arrange colors or skeins using smaller skeins first.

BRAIDING

Fold in ends of three strands and sew together firmly.

After a few inches of braid are made, loop about a chair round or some other object and pin to help hold work taut.

SEWING

Begin to sew as soon as several yards are braided. In order to make rug lie flat, hold the loose end toward you and sew from right to left always. It is best to work on a table to keep it flat at all times. Braid and sew alternately so that the working out of the pattern may be observed. Use carpet warp or other strong thread or string for sewing. Do not use common sewing thread. Linen, carpet and button thread are good.

SIZE

Decide length and width of rug desired. Subtract width from length and make the first row that length.

CAUTION: Never shake a braided rug, as this breaks any thread with which the rug may be sewed.

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